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Agricultural Council Established

The Hungarian Council of Ministers has created a Mezogczdasagi Tudomenyos Tanacs (Scientific Council of Agriculture) which will serve as an advisory board to the Ministry of Agriculture. The council is composed of Hungary's foremost agricultural scientists, namely Fr Rewso Manninger, Kossuth Fride winner and Academician; Dr Hurt Fedlmayer, Hossuth Prize winner and Academician; Dr Jozsef Schandl, corresponding member of the Academy; Dr Erno Kurnik, chief of the directorate of experiment and probaganda of the Ministry of Agriculture; Gyula Mensoly, director of the Keaskemet experimental form; and Erno Kemenesy, head of the Mezogazdasagi Kiserlet: Intenet (Agricultural Experimental Institute) in Keszthely.

The council is to advise the Ministry of Agriculture and the Producing Directorate of the minister on problems pertaining to the direction and development of agricultural production. It will also assist in the planning and evaluation of agricultural production and devide that perchical use should be made of the manults of morned.

The council held the equatituent meeting on 8 September 1953.(1)

Sprny Fertilization Increases Summar Boot Yield

Sandor Banlaki, research worder of the Soorenhorpaesi Tudomanyos Kutatointezet (Scientiffe Research Institute of Sopromborpaes) describes the Soviet method of sproy firtilization of cogniticets, recently tested at the institute, as Tollows:

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Twelve hours before the spray is to be used, 45 kilograms of superphosphate are dissolved in 450 liters of water. Six hours later, 20 kilograms of 40-percent potash chloride are added to the solution. The timing is important because it callows the chemicals to dissolve properly. The entire solution has to be strained before being put into the sprayer. It can be poured into any type of sprayer. Horning and late afternoon are the most suitable periods for sprayin; because the solution spoils easily in hot synshine.

Spray fertilization is most effective when performed 3-4 weeks before the best harvest. Beets that were appray-fertilized yielded 2 percent more sugar and 20-30 quintals more per hold then beets that had not been similarly treated.

Banlaki requests producers who utilize the spray fertilization method and sugar factories which buy spray-fertilized beets to keep a record of yield and sugar content.(2)

Potato Bugs Threaten Crops

The Council of Ministers has resolved that more intense measures should be taken to control the spread of the Colorado potato bug. Due to the rapid multiplication of potato bugs in the countries bordering Hungary on the south and west, petcto crops in the vestern part of Hungary have been infested. Although the bugs are under control, the megye, jaras, and community councils must elert agricultural workers to report their occurrence and must assist the workers in exterminating the bugs by distributing plant agrays, etc.

The costs of prevention and extermination will be borne by the state. Where necessary, school children must be organized into scouting brigades whose task it will be to report infested areas to the Novenyvedelmi Szolgalat (Plant Protection Service). (3)

Reserve Lands Under Cultivation

Independent peasants of the village of Jaszapati, Szolnok Megye, have availed themselves of the government's offer to lease reserve lands for a 5-year period.

By 2 September 1957, the 400 cadastral yokes of reserve land available at Junerati were leaded and many peasants made bids for some of the reserve lands around the neighboring village of Jazzivany.

The leased lands are already under cultivation. (4)

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